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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON
ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: STATE 172161

1. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER DISCUSSED DEPARTMENT'S
CONCERNS REGARDING CONVENING A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
MORNING OF JULY 25 ON URGENT BASIS WITH FRAU STEEG,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE ECONMIN.

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2. FRAU STEEG'S FIRST REACTION WAS THAT ALTHOUGH FRG
IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE, THEY
COULD FORESEE IT TAKING PLACE IF ADEQUATE PRIOR PLANNING
WERE UNDERTAKEN. UNTIL SHE KNOWS HOW FOREIGN OFFICE
AND OTHER DELEGATIONS STAND SHE COULD GIVE NO OFFICIAL
RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE. HER "THINKING", HOWEVER,
WAS THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO AGREE TO A MEETING IN

1979 WITH A CAVAET CONCERNING ADEQUATE PRIOR PLANNING.
SHE SAW NO LIKELIHOOD OF AGREEMENT TO 1978 DATE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO ECONOMIC/COMMERICAL MINISTER'S
APPROACH TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAUTENSCHLAGER IN THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY WE WERE LATER TOLD BY SULIMMA, WHO IS IN
CHARGE OF ECOSOC AFFAIRS, THAT FRG IS INSTRUCTING ITS
DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO BE FORTHCOMING IN AGREEING TO
SUPPORT FOR HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN EARLY 1979.
SULIMMA SAID THE FRG WOULD ADOPT THE POSITION DURING
EC CONSULTATIONS THAT THE GERMANS WERE IN FAVOR OF
PROPER PREPARATIONS FOR A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN EARLY
1979. HE COMMENTED ON THE SIDE THAT IT WAS NOT QUITE CORRECT
TO SAY THAT THE OTHER EC MEMBERS HAD REVERSED THEIR
EARLIER POSITIONS ON THE CONFERENCE QUESTION SINCE HE
THOUGHT THE OTHER MEMBERS HAD ALSO ALWAYS HAD RESERVA-
TIONS OWING TO DOMESTIC LEGAL COMPLICATIONS.
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